

## HB 1323 -- Unlicensed Child Care Providers

Sponsor: Black

This bill establishes Sam Pratt's Law which authorizes the Department of Health and Senior Services to investigate and prohibit an unlicensed child care provider from continuing to provide child care services if there are criminal charges pending against him or her that would similarly result in licensure sanctions for a licensed child care provider. However, these provisions do not apply to any child care provider maintained or operated by a religious organization. Any unlicensed child care provider who continues to provide services after notification by the department to cease will be guilty of a class B misdemeanor for the first violation and a class A misdemeanor for any subsequent violation. The department must report any known violation of these provisions to the appropriate prosecuting attorney's office or law enforcement agency.